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Re: Buses on West 26th Street and 10th Avenue

Dear Commissioner Sanchez,

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests your assistance with making sure the Hop-on Hop-off bus companies comply with their approved routes and with the traffic rules that prohibit their use of residential streets.

In recent weeks we have heard from numerous residents complaining that the volume of buses on residential streets, particularly W26th Street between 8th and 10th Avenues (and to a lesser extent W24th and W28th Streets between the same avenues), has increased significantly. Although they are not alone, the company Big Bus is reported as being the main culprit.

The situation deteriorated after the installation of the Select Bus Service on W23rd Street, and the ban of northbound turns for the eastbound traffic at 8th Avenue. While this change was necessary, the numerous bus companies who bring visitors to the High Line and used to travel north on 8th Avenue have had to find new routes.

W26th Street has a playground, a school and a recreation center used by many seniors. Commercial bus traffic on such a busy residential street is putting all these parents, children and seniors in danger.

We would also appreciate your reaching out to the bus companies and notifying them that W26, W24 and W28th streets are very residential and not appropriate for bus traffic. Per the traffic law, their routes should be restricted to commercial streets north of W34th Street.

We also request that the current sign on 10th Avenue at 26th Street, which states “ NO TURNS FOR TRUCKS, Except Local Deliveries “ be amended to say: NO TURNS FOR TRUCKS OR BUSES, Except Local Deliveries “.

Sincerely,



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